

Distance Learning Information that the Student and Parent Need to Know

The Distance Learning (DL) classroom is a little different from a normal classroom. The instructor's office is located at the Region 5 ESC in Beaumont. Unlike a regular classroom setting, students will view their instructor on a live television set (note: the students are not allowed to touch DL equipment, unless instructed to do so by facilitator). The student and the teacher are able to communicate live as if in person. The teacher has many technological resources to assist him/her in conducting the class as any other teacher would that is located at a school. For example:

- The teacher will be able to present PowerPoint's through a television set as teachers do on a screen.
- A document camera will also be used in which the teacher can place items on it (such as paper, textbook, three- dimensional objects, etc.) to be viewed on television set, much like an overhead projector but better.
- Students will be heard by instructor with the use of microphones that will be set up in the classroom. The student will need to speak loud and clear in order for the instructor to hear (Remember, your school is not the only class that the instructor will be teaching).

Work turned in to instructor will be graded and returned as quickly as possible (which may not be as quick as a normal classroom). Much of the work will be mailed (sometimes overnighted), so please allow a few days sending and a few days receiving for returned work. **In addition, we will end the six weeks one week early, due to receiving and returning work through mail service.** So, you may turn in an assignment the last week of the six weeks, but it will not go on the grade book until the following six weeks. Because DL is a different set up than a normal classroom, the instructor also wants it to be known that the **RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**. There will be no leniency when classroom procedures/rules, or school rules are not followed.

- There will be no sleeping, horse playing, text messaging, working on other school work, asking to leave class, visiting with classmates during lecture, etc.
- **Students will be reprimanded immediately by instructor and/or school facilitator** when deemed necessary.
- There will be no hesitation in submitting a discipline referral for disruptive behavior, or failure to comply with classroom procedures.
- **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED** (unless absent for illness, in which school policy will be used for make-up work). If a student forgets to turn something in, that student will receive a zero for that grade.
- If absent, **it is the student's responsibility to request missed work/notes**, not the instructor's or the facilitator's.

Students should pay attention closely as their instructor will not be on campus to come talk to as a normal teacher. However, there will be a tutorial schedule. This will be the only time the student will be able to speak to their teacher (via DL) or receive assistance outside of class.

Please feel free to contact your instructor if you have any questions about DL information.

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